

In the opening of these things in my mind, I feel a living concern that we who have felt divine love in our hearts may faithfully abide in it, and like good foldiers endure hardness for Christ's sake.

He, our blessed Saviour, exhorting his followers to love one another, adds, "As I have loved you." John xiii. 34.

He loved Lazarus, yet in his sickness did not heal him, but left him to endure the pains of death, that in restoring him to life, the people might be confirmed in the true faith.

He loved his disciples, but sent them forth on a message attended with great difficulty, amongst hard-hearted people, some of whom would think that in killing them they did God service.

So deep is divine love, that in steadfastly abiding in it, we are prepared to deny ourselves of all that gain which is contrary to pure wisdom, and to follow Christ, even under contempt, and through sufferings.

While friends were kept truly humble, and walked according to the purity of our principles, the divine witness in many hearts was reached; but when a worldly spirit got entrance, therewith came in luxuries and superfluities, and spread by little and little, even amongst the foremost rank in society, and from thence others took liberty in that way more abundantly.

In the continuation of these things from parents to children, there were many wants
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